

## RESIDENT DEATHS BY IMPORTANT CAUSE BY RACE AND SEX WEST VIRGINIA—1949

CAUSE	Total	White		Colored	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
Total Deaths, All Causes .....	17,211	9,312	6,546	822	531
Infective and Parastitic Diseases ..	870	448	294	82	46
Tuberculosis (All Forms) .....	533	260	197	50	26
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System .....	497	244	185	47	21
Syphilis and its sequelae .....	124	68	17	29	10
Scarlet Fever .....	3	1	2	0	0
Diphtheria .....	10	4	5	0	1
Whooping Cough .....	40	19	20	1	0
Meningococcal Infections .....	30	22	7	1	0
Poliomyelitis .....	14	11	3	0	0
Measles .....	8	5	3	0	0
All Other Infective & Parasitic Diseases .....	108	58	40	1	9
Malignant Neoplasms (Cancer) ....	1,999	936	934	74	55
Benign & Unspecified Neoplasm ..	65	28	31	1	5
Diabetes Mellitus .....	285	104	154	9	18
Rheumatic Fever .....	28	10	17	0	1
Vascular Lesions Affecting Central Nervous System .....	1,733	832	765	73	63
Diseases of the Heart .....	5,292	3,027	1,859	249	157
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease .....	268	128	123	8	9
Arteriosclerotic & Degenerative Heart Disease .....	3,728	2,291	1,233	139	75
Hypertension with Heart Disease .....	904	383	390	69	62
Other Diseases of the Heart .....	392	225	123	33	11
General Arteriosclerosis .....	289	158	118	6	7
Nephritis and Nephrosis .....	347	174	145	15	13
Pneumonia and Influenza .....	659	306	293	38	22
Pneumonia .....	554	262	242	31	19
Influenza .....	105	44	51	7	3
Diarrhea and Enteritis .....	298	158	123	11	6
Cirrhosis of Liver .....	142	87	52	1	2
Maternal Causes .....	52	0	48	0	4
Congenital Malformations .....	294	168	110	10	6
Premature Birth .....	477	247	194	17	19
Senility, Ill-Defined & Unknown Causes .....	501	260	201	26	14
All Other Diseases .....	2,164	1,189	816	96	63
Accidents (All Forms) .....	1,392	961	341	72	18
Motor Vehicle Accidents .....	399	300	85	12	2
Suicide .....	184	152	29	3	0
Homicide .....	140	67	22	39	12



# VITAL STATISTICS

## NUMBER OF DEATHS FOR COUNTIES IN WEST VIRGINIA—1949

COUNTY	Total	White		Colored	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
Barbour .....	170	92	66	10	2
Berkeley .....	319	174	125	8	12
Boone .....	203	129	71	2	1
Braxton .....	176	104	71	1	
Brooke .....	220	130	80	5	5
Cabell .....	1043	549	403	56	35
Calhoun .....	77	44	33		
Clay .....	90	59	31		
Doddridge .....	103	56	46	1	
Fayette .....	635	320	183	84	48
Gilmer .....	67	32	35		
Grant .....	88	55	31		2
Greenbrier .....	324	182	116	17	9
Hampshire .....	108	57	48	2	1
Hancock .....	259	155	91	8	5
Hardy .....	79	41	34	1	3
Harrison .....	815	422	363	22	8
Jackson .....	134	77	57		
Jefferson .....	185	81	72	18	14
Kanawha .....	1789	982	630	106	71
Lewis .....	205	113	91	1	
Lincoln .....	180	92	88		
Logan .....	605	334	209	43	19
McDowell .....	752	331	206	142	73
Marion .....	660	344	264	32	20
Marshall .....	362	189	168	4	1
Mason .....	220	115	101	2	2
Mercer .....	641	312	210	59	60
Mineral .....	218	120	88	4	6
Mingo .....	358	188	132	23	15
Monongalia .....	523	282	209	19	13
Monroe .....	148	81	57	5	5
Morgantown .....	99	53	45	1	
Nicholas .....	219	137	82		
Ohio .....	789	419	338	16	16
Pendleton .....	68	38	28	2	
Pleasants .....	66	40	26		
Pocahontas .....	111	64	41	4	2
Preston .....	261	156	105		
Putnam .....	139	83	56		
Raleigh .....	709	359	205	92	53
Randolph .....	298	194	96	4	4
Ritchie .....	141	73	68		
Roane .....	170	95	75		
Summers .....	192	115	66	6	5
Taylor .....	196	112	80	2	2
Tucker .....	116	64	51		1
Tyler .....	106	59	46	1	
Upshur .....	190	106	84		
Wayne .....	277	176	100	1	
Webster .....	138	85	53		
Wetzel .....	219	122	96		1
Wirt .....	51	23	28		
Wood .....	693	370	307	9	7
Wyoming .....	207	126	62	9	10
Total .....	17211	9311	6548	822	530



# INMATES IN THE WEST VIRGINIA MEDIUM SECURITY PRISON

NUMBER OF INMATES BY COUNTIES	Total	White Males	Negro Males
Barbour	6	5	1
Berkeley	14	13	1
Boone	9	8	1
Braxton	6	6	0
Brooke	5	4	1
Cabell	49	38	11
Calhoun	0	0	0
Clay	6	6	0
Doddridge	0	0	0
Fayette	35	18	17
Gilmer	0	0	0
Grant	7	7	0
Greenbrier	8	3	5
Hampshire	8	6	2
Hancock	2	1	1
Hardy	2	1	1
Harrison	43	41	2
Jackson	7	7	0
Jefferson	17	11	6
Kanawha	96	78	18
Lewis	4	4	0
Lincoln	5	5	0
Logan	61	47	14
McDowell	54	28	26
Marion	11	8	3
Marshall	5	5	0
Mason	5	3	2
Mercer	26	22	4
Mineral	4	4	0
Mingo	21	17	4
Monongalia	4	4	0
Monroe	0	0	0
Morgan	2	2	0
Nicholas	6	6	0
Ohio	13	10	3
Pendleton	2	2	0
Pleasants	1	1	0
Pocahontas	2	2	0
Preston	2	2	0
Putnam	4	4	0
Raleigh	55	42	13
Randolph	6	6	0
Ritchie	3	3	0
Roane	5	5	0
Summers	17	16	1
Taylor	5	5	0
Tucker	4	4	0
Tyler	0	0	0
Upshur	9	8	1
Wayne	3	3	0
Webster	3	3	0
Wetzel	2	2	0
Wirt	1	1	0
Wood	18	18	0
Wyoming	9	4	5
Totals	692	549	143



**INMATES IN THE WEST VIRGINIA MEDIUM SECURITY PRISON**  
**AGES OF INMATES SERVING IN THE WEST VIRGINIA**  
**MEDIUM SECURITY PRISON**

Age of Admission	Total	Whites Male	Negroes Male
15 Years .....	2	2	0
16 Years .....	2	0	2
17 Years .....	11	10	1
18 Years .....	22	15	7
19 Years .....	39	32	7
20 Years .....	48	42	6
21 Years .....	57	46	11
22 Years .....	57	50	7
23 Years .....	49	41	8
24 Years .....	41	38	3
25 Years .....	15	11	4
26 Years .....	28	20	8
27 Years .....	4	0	4
28 Years .....	29	20	9
29 Years .....	18	17	1
30 Years .....	24	22	2
31-35 Years .....	83	68	15
36-40 Years .....	32	22	10
41-45 Years .....	30	17	13
46-50 Years .....	47	39	8
51-55 Years .....	19	12	7
56-60 Years .....	17	11	6
61-65 Years .....	7	3	4
Over 65 Years .....	11	11	0
Totals .....	692	549	143



## INMATES IN THE WEST VIRGINIA MEDIUM SECURITY PRISON

CRIMES	Total	Whites Male	Negroes Male
Aiding & Abetting Auto Theft	1	1	0
Arson	5	5	0
Attempt to Kill	1	1	0
Attempt Armed Robbery	1	1	0
Auto-Theft	46	43	3
Bigamy	2	2	0
Breaking and Entering	113	97	16
Burglary	25	24	1
Conspiracy	1	1	0
Crime Vs Nature	1	1	0
Embezzlement	6	6	0
Entering	30	27	3
False Pretense	3	3	0
Forgery	67	63	4
Grand Larceny	181	147	34
Habitual Criminal Act	3	2	1
Interferring with Floating Craft	1	1	0
Malicious Wounding	12	7	5
Moonshining	3	2	1
Murder, 1st Degree	27	16	11
Murder, 2nd Degree	44	25	19
Perjury	2	2	0
Possession of Explosives (unlawful)	1	1	0
Petit Larceny	1	1	0
Receiving Stolen Goods	3	0	3
Armed Robbery	4	4	0
Unarmed Robbery	16	13	3
Unlawful Wounding	52	29	23
Uttering	6	6	0
Voluntary Manslaughter	25	10	15
Worthless Checks	9	8	1
Totals	692	549	143



# WEST VIRGINIA PENITENTIARY

## MOUNDSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA

COUNTY	Total	White	Colored
Barbour	8	5	3
Berkeley	40	36	4
Boone	38	36	2
Braxton	17	17	0
Brooke	12	7	5
Cabell	155	130	25
Calhoun	17	17	0
Clay	16	16	0
Doddridge	4	4	0
Fayette	94	73	21
Gilmer	10	10	0
Grant	7	7	0
Greenbrier	46	35	11
Hampshire	9	9	0
Hancock	6	5	1
Hardy	2	2	0
Harrison	83	73	10
Jackson	15	15	0
Jefferson	10	5	5
Kanawha	339	273	66
Lewis	13	13	0
Lincoln	13	13	0
Logan	179	148	31
Marion	51	36	15
Marshall	17	17	0
Mason	32	30	2
McDowell	164	99	65
Mercer	89	66	23
Mineral	15	14	1
Mingo	62	56	6
Monongalia	37	31	6
Monroe	9	8	1
Morgan	10	9	1
Nicholas	20	20	0
Ohio	68	52	16
Pendleton	3	3	0
Pleasants	0	0	0
Pocahontas	12	10	2
Preston	12	12	0
Putnam	9	8	1
Raleigh	153	118	35
Randolph	29	25	4
Ritchie	11	11	0
Roane	14	14	0
Summers	32	25	7
Taylor	20	18	2
Tucker	9	9	0
Tyler	4	4	0
Upshur	21	20	1
Wayne	28	28	0
Webster	8	8	0
Wetzel	17	16	1
Wirt	2	2	0
Wood	87	85	2
Wyoming	24	22	2
Totals	2,202	1,825	377



# WEST VIRGINIA PENITENTIARY

## MOUNDSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA

CRIME	Total	White	Colored
Aiding and Abetting Auto Theft	1	1	0
Aiding and Abetting Breaking and Entering	1	1	0
Aiding and Abetting Escape	1	1	0
Aiding and Abetting Rape	12	11	1
Arson	1	1	0
Attempt Arson	2	1	1
Attempt Armed Robbery	9	8	1
Attempt Unarmed Robbery	2	2	0
Attempt to Kill	21	15	6
Attempt Rape	151	143	8
Auto Theft	4	4	0
Bigamy	372	321	51
Breaking and Entering	109	88	21
Burglary	1	1	0
Bringing Stolen Car into State	1	1	0
Carrying Concealed Weapons	1	1	0
Concealing Child	2	2	0
Conspiracy	29	22	7
Crime Vs Nature	2	2	0
Embezzlement	80	66	14
Entering	8	7	1
Escape	4	3	1
False Pretense	163	156	7
Forgery	441	388	53
Grand Larceny	93	75	18
Habitual Criminal Act	5	5	0
Incest	5	5	0
Kidnapping	51	37	14
Malicious Wounding	1	1	0
Moonshining	199	135	64
Murder, First Degree	107	66	41
Murder, Second Degree	2	2	0
Obstructing Train	65	46	19
Rape	8	4	4
Receiving Stolen Goods	134	116	18
Robbery, Armed	29	21	8
Robbery, Unarmed	2	2	0
Robbery, Bank	1	1	0
Shooting into Passenger Train	33	19	14
Unlawful Wounding	5	5	0
Uttering	2	2	0
Violating Narcotics Act	25	20	5
Voluntary Manslaughter	16	16	0
Worthless Check			
Totals	2202	1825	377



**WEST VIRGINIA PENITENTIARY**  
**MOUNDSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA**

MARITAL STATUS	Total	White	Colored
Married .....	764	629	135
Single .....	1133	946	187
Separated .....	79	61	18
Divorced .....	160	139	21
Widowed .....	64	48	16
Unknown .....	2	2	0
Totals .....	2202	1825	377

**WEST VIRGINIA PENITENTIARY**  
**MOUNDSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA**

Age of Admission	Negroes	Age of Admission	Negroes
16	1	44	4
17	8	45	7
18	8	46	5
19	10	47	5
20	19	48	5
21	16	49	3
22	16	50	3
23	15	51	4
24	26	52	2
25	13	53	2
26	18	54	1
27	16	55	1
28	18	56	1
29	10	57	1
30	8	58	2
31	11	59	3
32	9	60	2
33	7	61	0
34	11	62	1
35	11	63	0
36	15	64	2
37	5	65	2
38	19	66	2
39	5	67	1
40	5	68	2
41	7		
42	5	Total .....	377
43	4		



## INMATES IN THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE PRISON FOR WOMEN

CRIMES	Total	White	Colored
Armed Robbery .....	2	2	0
Arson .....	1	1	0
Attempted Arson .....	1	0	1
Breaking and Entering .....	1	1	0
Burglary and Grand Larceny .....	1	1	0
Entering Without Breaking .....	1	1	0
Felony .....	7	6	1
First Degree Arson .....	2	2	0
First Degree Murder .....	5	2	3
Forgery .....	12	10	2
Grand Larceny .....	19	12	7
Highway Robbery and Conspiracy .....	1	1	0
Malicious Wounding .....	2	0	2
Maiming .....	2	2	0
Murder .....	1	0	1
Perjury .....	1	1	0
Possession of Stolen Drugs .....	1	1	0
Receiving Stolen Goods .....	2	2	0
Second Degree Murder .....	16	7	9
Unarmed Robbery .....	1	1	0
Unlawful Wounding .....	2	0	2
Voluntary Manslaughter .....	7	4	3
Worthless Checks .....	2	2	0
Totals .....	—	—	—
	90*	59	31

\* Although there are only 89 inmates, there are ninety crimes listed due to one inmate being committed from two counties with concurrently running sentences.



# INMATES IN THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE PRISON FOR WOMEN

Age	Total	White	Negro
17	2	2	0
18	2	2	0
20	2	2	0
21	5	5	0
22	2	2	0
23	4	4	0
24	5	1	4
25	5	2	3
26	2	2	0
27	7	4	3
28	5	5	0
29	2	1	1
30	3	0	3
31	3	1	2
32	1	0	1
33	5	3	2
34	3	2	1
35	3	2	1
36	1	1	0
37	5	4	1
38	1	0	1
39	1	0	1
41	1	1	0
42	3	1	2
43	5	3	2
44	1	1	0
45	2	0	2
46	1	1	0
49	3	3	0
51	2	1	1
52	1	1	0
54	1	1	0
	89	58	31



# WEST VIRGINIA BARBERS AND BEAUTICIANS

COUNTY	Barbers		Barber Shops		Beauticians		Beauty Shops	
	White	Negro	White	Negro	White	Negro	White	Negro
Barbour	10		6		12		10	
Berkeley	30	6	19	5	25	3	20	3
Boone	27		20		14	1	11	
Braxton	10		8		9		8	
Brooke	21		16		17		15	
Cabell	126		64	4	163	10	89	8
Calhoun	3		3		3		3	
Clay	4		3		5		4	
Doddridge	5		4		2		2	
Fayette	51	8	35	6	43	11	36	11
Gilmer	8		7		4		4	
Grant	5		4		8		4	
Greenbrier	32	2	26	2	35	4	23	4
Hampshire	4	2	2	1	4		3	
Hancock	44	1	31	1	24	1	20	1
Hardy	6		5		3		2	
Harrison	98	3	66	2	100	5	51	3
Jackson	8		6		8		5	
Jefferson	10	5	8	3	10	2	6	2
Kanawha	223	28	121	13	223	42	131	29
Lewis	19	2	8	1	15		13	
Lincoln	8		8		7		4	
Logan	52	3	33	3	47	5	32	4
McDowell	61	24	37	14	37	37	24	30
Marion	76	6	53	4	77	11	55	6
Marshall	34		28		37		34	
Mason	17		10		13		12	
Mercer	42	20	27	9	61	8	31	6
Mineral	17	1	16	1	19	2	16	2
Mingo	45	4	26	3	36	6	26	3
Monongalia	62	2	31	1	47	3	26	2
Monroe	5		4		4		4	
Morgan	7	1	5	1	4		3	
Nicholas	17		12		11		9	
Ohio	84	2	60	1	124	3	78	3
Pendleton	3		3		5		4	
Pleasants	4		3		7		5	
Pocahontas	6		5		4		4	
Preston	15		12		15		12	
Putnam	10		8		7		6	
Raleigh	65	12	39	8	56	24	35	18
Randolph	23	1	12	1	18	1	11	1
Ritchie	11		8		13		9	
Roane	10		7		10		7	
Summers	12	1	7	1	10	2	6	2
Taylor	19		12		14	2	9	2
Tucker	8		7		8		6	
Tyler	10		7		11		9	
Upshur	14		7		13		7	
Wayne	16		13		12		11	
Webster	14		12		11		6	
Wetzel	24		19		23		18	
Wirt	2		2		2		2	
Wood	81	3	50	2	89	2	61	2
Wyoming	19	1	11	1	19		14	
Totals	1637	144	1056	88	1598	185	1056	142



**REPORT OF**

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**BUREAU OF NEGRO WELFARE  
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**of the**

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA**

**to**

**GOVERNOR OKEY L. PATTESON**

**1949-1950**



## NEGRO PHYSICIANS IN WEST VIRGINIA

## Cabell County

Boyd, Howard A. .... Huntington  
 Smith, S. A. .... Huntington

## Fayette County

Anderson, Charles B. .... Mt. Hope  
 Anderson, Harry B. .... Mt. Hope

## Harrison County

Trice, H. J. .... Clarksburg

## Kanawha County

Davis, D. F. .... Charleston  
 Hall, W. M. .... Charleston  
 Harvey, H. N. .... Charleston  
 Hopkins, J. A. .... Cedar Grove  
 Hopson, C. F. .... Charleston  
 Jackson, C. A. .... Charleston  
 Jones, R. L. .... Charleston  
 Morris, W. D. .... Charleston  
 Spaulding, A. L. .... Charleston

## Logan County

Elliott, H. T. .... Logan

## Marion County

Bowles, J. A. .... Fairmont  
 Conliffe, M. M. .... Fairmont

## Mason County

Bell, James M. .... Lakin  
 Johnson, S. O. .... Lakin  
 Oeser, Karin .... Lakin  
 Robinson, L. D. .... Lakin

## McDowell County

Brown, W. A., Jr. .... Keystone  
 Brown, J. E. .... Keystone  
 Thomas, M. L. .... Welch  
 Wade, James P. .... Northfork  
 Wright, L. Z. .... Welch

## Mercer County

Brown, W. A. .... Bluefield  
 Higginbotham, P. R. .... Bluefield  
 Lewis, T. T. .... Bluefield  
 Marshall, C. L. .... Bluefield  
 Wright, W. M. .... Bluefield

## Mingo County

Thompson, E. B. .... Williamson  
 Whittico, J. M. .... Williamson  
 Warren, R. G. .... Williamson

## Ohio County

Banks, G. A. .... Wheeling  
 Kennedy, E. S. .... Wheeling  
 Trice, H. J. .... Wheeling  
 Pronty, J. K. .... Wheeling  
 Wade, M. A. .... Wheeling

## Pocahontas County

Doss, R. D. .... Denmar  
 Nelson, J. H., Jr. .... Denmar

## Raleigh County

Belton, A. D. .... Beckley  
 Butts, Milton A. .... Beckley  
 Christian, V. A. .... Lester  
 Grandison, J. M. .... Lester  
 Hargrove, H. C. .... Beckley  
 Howard, R. J. .... Beckley

## Summers County

Laws, C. H. .... Hinton

## Wood County

Bacoats, J. S. .... Parkersburg  
 Shellcroft, J. W. .... Parkersburg



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 Secretary: Emily I. Hamler ..... Kanawha County

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 President: Bluefield State College—H. L. Dickason ..... Bluefield  
 Superintendent: West Virginia Schools for Deaf and Blind—  
     Edward A. Bolling ..... Institute  
 Superintendent: State Tuberculosis Sanatorium—  
     Dr. James E. Nelson, Jr. .... Denmar  
 Superintendent: West Virginia Colored Children's Home—  
     Roy Edwards ..... Huntington  
 Superintendent: State Home for Aged and Infirm—  
     George Coats ..... McKendree  
 Superintendent: State Industrial Home for Colored Girls—  
     Miss Mary E. Brooks ..... Huntington  
 Superintendent: State Industrial School for Colored Boys—  
     Ellsworth Harpole ..... Lakin